

# “François, Tu es un criminel”: President Hollande Ordered the Massacre of Syrian Women and Children In Retaliation for the “Alleged” ISIS Bastille Day Attack

Air Strikes against Civilians in North of Aleppo

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*In the immediate wake of the 14th of July Nice Terror Attack which resulted in more than 84 dead, France's President Francois Hollande intimated in an official address (without evidence) that the attacks had been conducted by the Islamic State based in Northern Syria. He immediately ordered the French Air Force to intensify the bombing campaign allegedly against the ISIS in Northern Syria.*

“We will strengthen our actions in Syria and Iraq, we will continue to strike those who attack us”, said Hollande in a national address, intimating that France had been attacked by a foreign power.

*In a subsequent address, Francois Hollande said: “France is filled with sadness by this new tragedy.... France as a whole is under the threat of Islamic terrorism...We have to demonstrate absolute vigilance and show determination that is unfailing.”*

At 10pm on the 14th of July he wrote on his Twitter that France was “bereaved and afflicted” but stronger than “the [ISIS] fanatics that want to strike her today,”



This statement was later confirmed in his TV address to the nation below:

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In a bitter irony, France's Interior Minister –who oversees police operations throughout the country– confirmed that ISIS was not behind the Bastille Day Terror attack:

The French interior minister Bernard Cazeneuve has said there is no evidence linking Isis to the Bastille Day attacks in Nice, despite the terror group claiming responsibility. ... Mr Cazeneuve said investigators have so far not established any links between Bouhlel and a specific terrorist network. (Independent, July 18, 2016)

Yet this did not prevent Francois Hollande from launching the air raids allegedly against the Islamic State.

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Francois Hollande –casually ignoring the advice of his own government– went ahead and ordered an escalation of the bombing campaign, resulting in a massacre of more than 140 innocent Syrians, mainly women and children.

But these bombs were never intended for the ISIS.

WHY? Because France provides money and weapons to the ISIS alongside its coalition partners.

These bombs were directed against the Syrian people using the Bastille Day terror attack as a pretext and a justification to kill innocent Syrian women and children.

President Hollande says he is “filled with sadness by this new tragedy” [Nice attack], yet does that justify an act of retribution against Syria in which more than 140 civilians were killed. And that order to kill emanates from the Elysée Palace.

. “An eye for eye”: *Lex talionis* and *the Hamurabbi Code*.

The Syrian Government's Response in relation to President Hollande's criminal undertaking.

Damascus has submitted the matter to the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and to the President of the UN Security Council Ambassador Koro Bessho of Japan, pointing to the fact that:

“French warplanes, working within the so-called “international coalition” led by the US, perpetrated an unjust massacre on the territories of Syria near the Syrian-Turkish borders, targeting Toukhan al-Kubra village to the north of Manbij, **killing families in complete and demolishing houses there.**”

**The French unjust aggression claimed the lives of more than 120 civilians, most of them are children, women and elderly,** in addition to tens of wounded citizens, the majority of them are also children and women as reports say that the fate of scores of other civilians who still under debris are unknown too,”

The letters went on to say that the French aggression comes after one day of a US aggression carried out by US warplanes on Monday which perpetrated a

similar bloody massacre by bombarding Syrian city of Manbij, **claiming the lives of more than 20 civilians and injuring tens others.**

The government of Syrian Arab republic condemns, with the strongest terms, **the two bloody massacres perpetrated by the French and US warplanes** and those affiliated to the so-called international coalition which send their missiles and bombs to the civilians instead of directing them to the terrorist gangs... Syria also affirms that those who want to combat terrorism seriously should coordinate with the Syrian government and army," the Ministry said.

It went on to say that the US, French, Turkish, Saudi Arabian, British and Qatari continued support to the terrorist organizations that they name "moderate groups, like Jabhat al-Nusra, Jaish al-Fatah, Jaish al-Islam, Liwa al-Tawhid and other terrorist organizations affiliated to the ISIS and al-Qaeda is a clear evidence that these states are colluding and cooperating with the terrorist groups, and an indication to their non-seriousness in combating terrorism. ([SANA](#), July 19, 2016

Syria's Foreign Ministry called upon the UN and the international community to: "condemn this massacre perpetrated by France" The Syrian government demands

that UN Security Council [envisage] ... **taking punitive measures against states and regimes that support and fund terrorism,** particularly those regimes in Riyadh, Doha, Ankara and Paris and prevent them from supporting terrorism and obliging them to abide by and implement UN relevant resolutions No. 2170, 2178, 2199 and 2253." (ibid)

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